

Kutztown Folk Festival Prepares For 9-Day Celebration

Kutztown (Berks Co.) — Kutztown folks are busy preparing for this summer's 43rd annual Folk Festival, scheduled for Saturday, June 27 through Sunday, July 5. Craftsmen are busy creating their works of art; quilters are trying to finish that last quilt before the deadline; churches and civic organizations are organizing volunteers to prepare and serve much of the delicious food that is available at the Festival.

This summer, visitors will find some new additions to the old-favorite activities. At the red barn, four times a day, children may dress up in costumes and participate in the barnyard play. Also new this year, Mammy and Pappy Snickerdoodle will entertain visitors with their humorous routines and antics.

On the main stage, Ann Bur-

rows, quilt building supervisor, will host a new program about current trends in quilt-making. Jane Strinsmen will host a new show which will feature some of the talented musicians who are also craftsmen on the festival grounds.

Of course, no Folk Festival would be complete without the quilt display and the quilting demonstration. Ann Burrows says she is taking particular care this year to be sure that all the Festival's quilts are American-made. "Our quilts may cost more, but they are made locally and that is important." The same is true for all the craft items on display and for sale.

Glenn Eckert and his Hayseeds will provide the music, while Lester Miller will call the "squares" for his hoedowning and jiggling groups on the Hoedown Stage.

Each afternoon on the hour, visitors may watch and then participate in some toe-tapping fun. Everyone should "give it a whirl" once.

To obtain a brochure and map of the festival call (800) 447-9269 or write to Kutztown Folk Festi-

val; 461 Vine Lane; Kutztown, Pa. 19530. We will send a brochure with activities listed and a map of the Festival Grounds.



Each year for 43 years, Kutztown Folk Festival draws thousands of visitors to its nine-day observance of colonial crafts, foods, entertainment, and reenactments.

USDA To Conduct Maple Sugar Survey

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Leaders of the maple syrup industry requested the WSDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service to conduct a survey which would provide unbiased and statistically reliable data for the industry to plan for continued reinstatement of the maple syrup estimation program.

Maple producers in the 11 major producing states (CT, ME, MA, MI, NH, NY, OH, PA, VT, and WI) will be contacted twice each year. In Pennsylvania, the surveys will be conducted by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. Production information will be collected in the late spring following the sap run. Price and disposition data will be gathered in the fall. The combined responses will provide maple syrup producers and industry leaders with answers to the following questions:

- 1) How much is being produced?
- 2) How much can be produced?
- 3) What is the value of production?
- 4) What is its potential?
- 5) What is the industry structure?

All information provided by a maple syrup producer is confidential and will be used only to produce state, regional, and national statistics. Survey results are available to producers, at their request, as an aid in managing their operation. Production estimates will be published in the June Crop Production report and the price and disposition estimates will be released in the November Crop Production report.

For more information on the maple syrup survey please contact Heather Shuey, at the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109; or phone (717) 787-3904.

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